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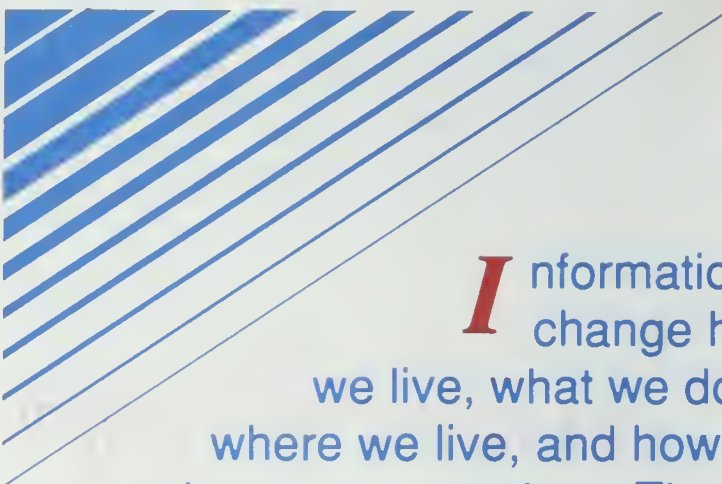
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Information can change how we live, what we do, where we live, and how we relate to one another. The General Assembly recognized the need to provide Illinois citizens with information in 1967, when it amended the State Library Act to require state agencies to deposit copies of their publications with the Illinois State Library for distribution to depository libraries.

These depositories, located across Illinois and out of state, provide citizens easy access to information, ease state agencies' burden to provide copies of publications to anyone requesting them, and allow wider dissemination of public information to Illinois citizens.

According to the law, each state agency must deposit 40 copies of all its publications, priced and unpriced, with the Illinois State Library for distribution to depositories. "State agency" is defined as any unit of state government which expends appropriations of state funds. (This includes state universities. However, state universities deposit three




copies, while university presses deposit two copies.)

The publications deposited with the State Library include the floor debates from the Illinois General Assembly, tourism information, annual reports from state agencies, statistical reports, and income tax information. Formats vary from paper to microforms to any other medium.

All depositories make publications available for public use according to the regulations governing the depository program. These depositories are selected on the basis of their ability to provide public access to the material deposited, their interest in the publications of the State of Illinois, and their geographic location. Depository libraries are inspected periodically to ensure compliance with the program's requirements.


In-state depositories are all members of ILLINET (Illinois Library and Information Network) and can share their resources. Libraries search other library collections by various means to locate depository publications requested by local patrons. These publications can then be sent to



the requesting library through the Intersystems Library Delivery Service. The system, which operates 24 hours a day, includes 307 routes and 2,086 direct drop-off points.

In order to inform a wider audience of the publications produced by state agencies, the Illinois Documents Section of the State Library publishes both a monthly listing, "**Illinois Documents List**," and a yearly listing, "**Publications of the State of Illinois**," of all items received through the state document depository program. Both publications are free, and interested citizens, libraries, or government officials may be added to the mailing lists by writing Illinois Documents Section, Illinois State Library, Centennial Building, Springfield, IL 62756, or by calling (217) 782-6304.

"I know no safe depository of the ultimate powers of society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion."
—Thomas Jefferson



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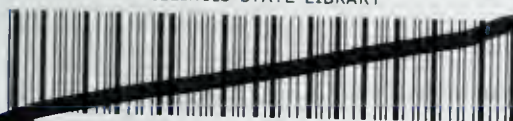
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